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TAGS: OVIP UR (KLASSEN, E. T.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF POSTMASTER GENERAL

1. PLEASE CONVEY TEXT OF FOLLOWING LETTER FROM POSTMASTER
GENERAL E. T. KLASSEN TO MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS
N. D. PSURTSEV:

QTE: I DELAYED RESPONDING TO YOUR JUNE 6 INVITATION
TRUSTING WE MIGHT RE-ARRANGE OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH
OF AUGUST BUT THIS NOW APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE. NEVERTHELESS,
WE WANT TO TAKE FULL OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH YOU. WE,
TOO, SHARE YOUR INTERESTS IN TRYING TO DEVELOP A BETTER
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR NATIONS. I AM SURE WE HAVE A
GREAT MANY THINGS IN COMMON, AND IT WOULD BE A STIMULATING
EXPERIENCE TO EXCHANGE POINTS OF VIEW.

IF IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO
ARRIVE IN THE SOVIET UNION APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 9,
STAYING THROUGH THAT WEEK AND LEAVING BY SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15. I WILL PLAN TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR
ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL BENJAMIN F. BAILAR, WHO WAS
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HOST TO MESSRS. MANGELDINE AND MATSNEV DURING THEIR RECENT

VISIT HERE; MR. H. E. S. STOCK, THE DIRECTOR OF INTER-NATIONAL POSTAL AFFAIRS, WHO ALSO ASSISTED WITH THE VISIT OF YOUR ASSOCIATES LAST OCTOBER; AND ONE OTHER

PERSON WHOSE BACKGROUND WILL BE CLOSELY RELATED TO OUR MAIL OPERATIONS. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT YOUR INVITATION CAN BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE MRS. KLASSEN, I AM PLANNING TO HAVE HER ACCOMPANY ME ON THIS TRIP.

I KNOW THAT MY ASSOCIATES AND MRS. KLASSEN, AS WELL AS MYSELF, WILL FIND IT VERY REWARDING NOT ONLY TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH YOUR POSTAL ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS, BUT ALSO TO MEET THE PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY AND TO SEE SIGHTS OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL INTEREST. I WOULD HOPE OUR ITINERARY MIGHT BE ARRANGED ACCORDINGLY. WE ENJOYED VISITING WITH YOUR MR. MANGELDINE AND MR. MATSNEV AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM AGAIN.

MAY I AGAIN EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR INVITATION AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE. UNQTE

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED FOR SUBSEQUENT DELIVERY BY EMBASSY. APPRECIATE RESPONSE ASAP AS TO WHETHER DATES POSTMASTER GENERAL SUGGESTS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO MINISTER PSURTSEV. RUSH

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